



County Corner

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Clerk Of District Court

When you mention the office of the Clerk of Court to most people, you're met with a glazed stare and the response, "What's that?" Surprisingly, it's one of the county offices that touches just about all residents' lives directly.

If you or your family has been involved with a divorce, marriage, adoption, guardianship, felony, serious juvenile offense, probate, name change or civil lawsuit, or have been summoned for jury



Clerk of District Court staff.

Clerk of District Court PEG ALLISON



Peg has been serving as our Clerk of District Court since 1993. She obtained her BA in Business Administration from Montana University – Billings and is extremely proactive relative to technology and the advantages it brings to the court system. Recently she was granted membership in the Kalispell Rotary Club and looks forward to opportunities for involvement. In addition to her position as Clerk of Court, Peg enjoys playing piano for services at her church, camping, hunting, shooting sports, and a new certification for Pet-Partnering at care facilities with her yellow lab. She has two beautiful and successful daughters and is a step-mother of two wonderful teenagers. Peg loves the Flathead Valley and has been proud to call it home for over thirty years.

service, you've worked with the Clerk of Court. If you pay or receive court-ordered child support, it's probably been processed and mailed through this office. Our office works hand in hand with the Eleventh Judicial District Court here in Flathead County, and assists the public with numerous procedural issues. When you or your attorney wishes the court to hear your side of the story, it's to the Office of the Clerk of Court that you must provide the paperwork.

Located on the third floor of the Flathead County Justice Center at 920 South Main Street, this office handles approximately seven-thousand active cases involving Flathead County residents. And that number is rising rapidly. With the unprecedented growth come more people and their need for the services provided by the courts. Whether you look at the crime statistics, the number of marriages and divorces, or the numbers of trials requiring the assistance of a jury panel, the number of files in our office reflecting each and every case is ever increasing. In order to manage that case load, this office has been implementing technological tools to expedite

service to the taxpayer. Known to be the most technologically advanced Clerk of Court Office in the State of Montana, we steadily are providing increasing online help, documentation and services. Passport and marriage applications, courtroom schedules and many legal forms are now easily accessible through the Internet. You can find some of this information on (or linked to) our own County web site at **HYPERLINK**

"<http://www.co.flathead.mt.us>"

The records managed are both of public and confidential nature as dictated by State law, and for those that are public records, the office now has two 'public' work stations for your convenience in searching and viewing documents. The Clerk of Court, Peg Allison, is hopeful that viewing such matters on the internet will soon be available through the Supreme Court Administrator's office. Near are the days when the public will not be required to appear personally at many county offices to conduct business. If you would like to view a public hearing or watch the staff in action, please pay us a visit!

"The needs of the future take precedence over the demands of the present."

— County Commissioners: Bob Watne, Gary Hall & Joe Brenneman